

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q53829

Takeshi FUNAHASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/281,969

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No.: 7976

Examiner: Stephen M. BRINICH

Filed: March 31, 1999

For: IMAGE NORMALIZATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINERS STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE IN NOTICE  
OF ALLOWANCE**

**ATTN: MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

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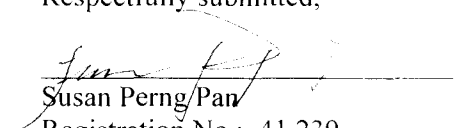
Sir:

In the Statement of Reason for Allowance as stated in the February 8, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that the claims are allowable because certain features therein are not taught or suggested by the prior art. However, the language used by the Examiner in describing these exemplary features is not the same as the language contained in all of the claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that each individual claim is allowable based on its own language, and not based on any paraphrasing of language that may be made by the Examiner. If the Examiner disagrees with Applicants' position, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reopen prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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